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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **MP-2**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HUME ROAD AT CASTLEWOOD DRIVE CONNECTOR
21724 CASTLEWOOD DRIVE IN THE UNINCORPORATED
TERRITORY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve the acquisition of fee title for road right of way purposes to the property located at 21724 Castlewood Drive, Malibu, for \$400,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to open an escrow, sign escrow instructions and related documents, and accept the Deed as may be required to complete the transaction.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will allow the County to purchase fee title to the property located at 21724 Castlewood Drive, Malibu, by direct negotiations. The subject property is located in the unincorporated County area of the Santa Monica Mountains near Las Flores Canyon Road and is owned by Owen and Lauren Gillespie.

As a result of the January 2005 rainstorms, Hume Road was severed by a landslide between its intersection with Castlewood Drive and Briarbluff Road. The acquisition of the subject parcel is needed by the County for road right of way to reconnect Hume Road to Castlewood Drive and reestablish essential public services to the residents.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it allows the acquisition of right of way for construction of certain road improvements that improve the quality of life to the residents in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed \$400,000 purchase price for the fee property rights represents the fair market value and was agreed to by the property owners. Funds for the acquisition are available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Road Fund budget. The subject acquisition and construction of the connector road project will be completed at no additional cost to the residents.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Owen and Laurel Gillespie executed an Agreement to Convey and Claim for Payment and signed the Grant Deed in favor of the County. Acquisitions in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by your Board.

This project is located within the coastal zone and is therefore controlled by the Coastal Commission rules and regulations. The County will follow the appropriate procedures to obtain the necessary emergency permits from the Coastal Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The project meets the criteria set forth in Sections 21080(b)(3) and 21080(b)(4) of the Public Resources Code and Sections 15269(a) and 15269(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Construction of the connector road will reestablish public services to the residents of the community.

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CONCLUSION

This action is in the interest of the County. One adopted copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel